

**Section 2.1: Eligible Participants**

**Adult day care centers** must meet the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the CACFP:

- Serve functionally impaired adults and/or adults age 60 and over.
- Provide a structured comprehensive program. A structured comprehensive program provides a regular daily schedule of group and individual activities. Activities should include health, social, and related support services and should vary to accommodate the needs of the participants and their Individual Service Plans of care (ISP).
- Develop and maintain an ISP for every functionally impaired participant. The plan of care is designed to maintain the participant at his or her current level or restore the participant to a level of self-care. The plan must be in writing.
- Shelters, vocational or substance abuse rehabilitation centers, and social centers do not qualify as adult day care centers for the purposes of CACFP participation.

**Section 2.2: Non-profit Centers**

**Public or private non-profit centers** must meet the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the CACFP:

- Provide non-residential adult care.
- 25% of total enrollment must qualify for Title XIX and/or Title XX benefits,  
OR
- 25% of total enrollment must qualify for Free and Reduced meals,  
OR
- Area Eligible: located near a school where at least 25% of the total enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced priced meals. This information can be obtained from the following website: <http://www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/frpercentages/>. If the center is not in an area eligible location there must be an outreach policy indicating that Program information will be made available to local minority and grass roots organizations;
- Have tax-exempt status under the IRS Code Section 501(c) 3\*.
- Be licensed by DHS,  
OR
- Centers complying with applicable procedures to renew their DHS licensing, Military Base Certification or Tribal Health Services Certification may participate in the CACFP during the renewal process unless ADE has information which indicates that renewal will be denied,  
OR
- Meet DHS exemption.

**Adult Care Centers on Indian Reservations** are eligible for CACFP participation. A center on the reservation must submit the environmental health survey report or sanitation permit issued by Indian Health Services in place of DHS licensing.

\* The sponsor may participate without tax-exempt status if the sponsor is part of a military operation or is operating another Federal program which is operating that requires tax-exempt status; or the sponsor is organized for a religious purpose.

**Section 2.3: Proprietary Centers (For-Profit)**

**Proprietary or For-Profit centers** must meet the following criteria to be eligible to participate in the CACFP:

- Provide non-residential adult care.
- 25% of total enrollment must qualify for Title XIX and/or Title XX benefits,
- Be licensed by DHS,  
OR
- Centers complying with applicable procedures to renew their DHS licensing, Military Base Certification or Tribal Health Services Certification may participate in the CACFP during the renewal process unless ADE has information which indicates that renewal will be denied,  
OR
- Meet DHS exemption.

For each month of the contract period, the sponsor must determine the percentage of enrolled participants which are Title XIX beneficiaries. If less than 25% of the enrolled participants are Title XIX beneficiaries, the sponsor cannot claim meals for that month. For the purposes of the CACFP, enrollment includes any participant who was enrolled, is eligible for CACFP benefits, and attended at least one day during the month. A participant is considered to be a Title XIX beneficiary if he/she was a recipient of the particular funding source for at least one day in the claim month.

**Section 2.4: Title III Funding**

CACFP reimbursement cannot duplicate reimbursement under Part C of Title III of the Older American's Act for the same meal served. A single meal cannot be supported by funds from both the CACFP and Title III. This prohibition includes the commodity benefit currently available under Title III.

According to 7 CFR 226.19a(b)(6), participating centers may not claim CACFP reimbursement under part C of the Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965.